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HISTORY OF ALASKA SHORE-FISHING STATIONS

from
Pacific Cod Fisheries
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1916 and 1927



"The late Thomas W. McCollam, of the McCollam Fishing & Trading Co., of San Francisco, was the first to perceive the advantages to be obtained from establishing stations close to the cod banks, where the fishermen could go out daily in dories to the adjacent banks and the catch be stored ashore until a cargo accumulated, when a vessel could be sent north to bring them to San Francisco.



"Early in the seventies (ed. note: 1870s) a party of hunters had established a station at Pirate Cove, a very pretty and well sheltered cove, with ample depth of water, at the north end of Popof Island, one of the Shumagin Group. A wharf and several buildings had been constructed by the party. Mr. McCollam purchased this station and established here the first regular shore fishing station for cod in Alaska.

"Lynde & Hough, a well-known San Francisco firm, early entered the codfish industry and for a number of years were important factors in it. About 1898 the McCollam Fishing & Trading Co. and Lynde & Hough formed the Union Fish Co. It was not until 1902 or 1903 that the two concerns were finally merged into one and the whole business operated under the name of the Union Fish Co.

"In 1876 Mr. A. Greenebaum, then and for a number of years subsequent, agent for the Alaska Commercial Co., built a trading station for the company at Acherk Harbor (later known as Company Harbor) on Sannak Island. A little codfishing was prosecuted at times, but it was not until 1896 when it became the property of Pacific Marine Supply Co., the progenitors of the Alaska Codfish Co., that it was used for this business exclusively. In 1897 the company established

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

While we did not solve the mystery as to where the named stations of the Alaska Codfish Co. were located, we can see where they operated. I am afraid the only way to find out where each station was located would be to get into the company records. This is probably not likely. The only other avenue of research would be Cobb's personal papers in the University of Washington library.

I started out quoting from the 1916 edition of *Pacific Cod Fisheries*, but later found the 1927 edition. I inserted a couple of sentences, but did not make note of this in the text.

Prices realized this month are interesting. I was surprised to see the Fort Davis token bring more than last month's Salchaket Trading Post. Guess it is all in the eye of the beholder.

There were a batch of "dug" tokens from Nome. Token collectors are showing that they are becoming condition conscious, as these did not bring nearly as much as nice specimens would. Another example was a nice Dyea token selling for much more than our "dug" examples.

This issue will include the Alaska portion of our April 8 auction. There is a nice consignment this time. Bid liberally and we may get more for next auction!

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FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF FAIRBANKS BLUE SEAL \$5 NOTE



During the Civil War, attempts were made to standardize paper money. Up until that time, there were numerous notes from state and private banks, many not worth anything! After the Act of 1863, participating banks were chartered as "National Banks" and allowed to issue bank notes up to 90% of the bond they posted with the U.S. Treasurer.

Three banks in Alaska took advantage of this. First National Bank of Fairbanks was established about 1904. They issued what was then known as National Currency from the Third Charter Period (series of 1902). The first notes had red seals, subsequent issues had a blue seal.

Recently we were selected to handle the sale of a 1902 \$5 Blue Seal, only the third one that we could document offered for sale in the last 10 years, the other two being:

- 1) Lyn Knight, 2/96, Lot #535 grading Fine
- 2) Heritage, 1/04, Lot #19689 grading Fine, realizing \$16,100 with buyer's premium.

This note graded Fine and had been resting in an old Fairbanks Trust for many years. After strong bidding, it sold for \$17,401 on eBay. It was an honor to sell this great piece of Alaska history.

PRICES REALIZED

Selected prices realized from eBay:

Anchorage , Canteen Bar, 12½¢, B-10a	16.08	Palmer , ARRC, \$10, B-1h	178.18
Anchorage , Canteen Bar, 12½¢, B-10a	14.47	Petersburg , Cruz, 5¢, B-1a	261.00
Anchorage , Union Club, 12½¢, B-37a	45.44RNM	Petersburg , Hack's, 5¢, B-3a	150.00OB
Bethel , NC Co., 25¢, B-2a	62.75	Petersburg , OK's Place, 10¢, B-7b	45.00OB
Bethel , NC Co., 50¢, B-2b	19.25	Seldovia , Cash Store, 5¢, B-5a	17.25
Bethel , NC Co., \$1, B-2c	62.75	Seward , Northern, 12½¢, B-8a	OB150.00NB
(Cleary) , Totem, 12½¢, B-4a	30.00NB	Seward , Northern, 12½¢, B-8a	RL?OB125.00NB
Dillingham , Lowe Trading, 5¢, B-4a	150.00OB	Seward , Northern, 12½¢, B-8bII	25.55
Douglas , Hudson, 2½¢, B-21a	430.00	Sitka , Baranof Bus, 1 Fare, B-T2a	5.00OB
Dyea , W.A. & H, B-4a, not dug	661.00	Skagway , Board of Trade, 6¼¢, B-4bI	43.54
Eek , McIntyre, 25¢, B-1a	36.50	Skagway , P.C. Co., B-19a, numbered	16.54
Eek , McIntyre, 50¢, B-1b	33.50	Skagway , N.K. Wilson, unlisted, dug	OB5.00withdrawn
Eek , McIntyre, \$1, B-1c	60.01	Snug Harbor , Pioneer Canneries, \$1.25 box	67.99
Fairbanks , Nordale Hotel, 25¢, B-38a, plus		Talkeetna , HWN, 25¢, B-3a	56.00
Dawson , Hutton & Pearse, 2 Bits	381.56	Talkeetna , HWN, 50¢, B-3b	41.00
Fort Davis , Post Exchange, 25¢, unlisted.	2,550.00	Tanana , Stoddard, 25¢, B-8a	1,200.00
(Goodnews Bay?) , Rutlader, \$1, B-2c	45.00OB	Teller , Monogram, 1 drink or cigar, B-1a	350.00
Hot Springs , Morrison, 5¢, B-1a	58.75	Valdez , CB Buffet, \$1, B-4c	OB1,595.00NB
Hyder , Northern Pool, 50¢, B-4c	112.50	Wrangell , Beer Hall, 5¢, B-3a	75.00OB
Juneau , Alaskan Hotel, 12½¢, B-2b	OB30.00NB	Wrangell , Tom's Place, 5¢, B-10a	440.00
Juneau , Imperial Cigar, 12½¢, B-29b	30.00OB	Yakutat , Yak. & Souther Rvw., 5¢, B-3aI	844.00
Juneau , AH King, 10¢, B-42b	45.00OB	Yes Bay , AK Pac.Fish., %¢, B-2a	461.00
Juneau , Opera Bar, 12½¢, B-58a	987.00	Maverick , A.C. Co. "M", counterstamped NG	460.00
Juneau , Tony's Comet, 12½¢, B-69a	OB45.00NB	Dawson, YT , Lace Garter Saloon, fantasy	3.00OB
Juneau , Tony's Place, 12½¢, B-70a	OB94.00NB	Whitehorse, YT , TDP, 50¢ and \$1	33.95
(Juneau) , Garnic for Senate encased cent, rd	OB50.00NB	Whitehorse, YT , TDP, \$10	79.99OB
Ketchikan , BPOE 1429 (Elks), 12½¢, B-5a	OB70.00NB	Whitehorse, YT , TDP, \$20	79.99OB
Ketchikan , The Cabinet, 5¢, B-9b	905.00	AYPE encased cent, potty, Lincoln	26.00
Ketchikan , Finzel's, 5¢, B-15aI	OB60.00NB	AYPE encased cent, potty, Indian	63.92
Ketchikan , Katchikan Pharm., 5¢, B-22a	45.00OB	AYPE encased cent, round, Indian	66.00
Ketchikan , Kushi, 5¢, B-27a	OB20.00NB	AYPE encased cent, round, Lincoln	71.03
Ketchikan , The Lotus, 12½¢, B-31f	OB40.00NB	AYPE encased cent, round, Indian	51.00
Kodiak , Brown Bear Bus, return fare, B-T1aI	16.50	AYPE encased cent, round, Indian	69.66
Kodiak , SS Yale, 25¢, aluminum, B-16 unlisted	75.00OB	AYPE encased cent, horseshoe, Indian	63.69
Long , Willis, 50¢, B-2b	OB90.00NB	AYPE , ½ DWT, 1909	OB200.00NB
McCarthy , Priesner, 5¢, B-5a	320.00	AYPE , ½ DWT, 1909	BIN350.00DNS
Nome , B&M, 25¢, B-5b, dug	22.07	AYPE , 1 DWT, 1909	194.95
Nome , Belmont "8", B-7a, dug	89.88	AYPE , 1 DWT, 1909	167.50RNM
Nome , BoT, 12½¢, B-8i, dug	OB4.99NB	AYPE , 1 DWT, 1909	76.01
Nome , CW, Whatever, B-11a, dug	52.56	AYPE , 1 DWT, 1909	203.49
Nome , Cavey's Bakery, 1 Loaf, B-13a, holed	53.51	AYPE , set of 3, 1909	601.00
Nome , Columbia, 1 Drink, B-17a	113.61	AK Gold , ¼ Pinch, 1901	510.00
Nome , The Elite, no denom., B-20a, dug	10.49	AK Gold , 1 Pinch, 1897, Round	366.00
Nome , Gaiety, no denom., B-23a, dug	89.88	AK Gold , 1 Pinch, 1897, Round	OB785.00NB
Nome , Mulloy, 25¢, B-33a, dug	32.67	AK Gold , 1 Pinch, 1897, Round	510.00
Nome , N&A, 5¢, B-34a, dug	89.88	AK Gold , 1 Pinch, 1898, Octagonal	504.00
Nome , New Lincoln Bar, 50¢, B-36a	OB24.50NB	HBC , East Main, ¼MB	270.00
Nome , Nome Novelty, 25¢, B-38aI, dug	78.77	HBC , Yorkton, 5¢	OB129.00NB
Nome , North Pole Bakery, 5¢, B-39a	99.99OB	HBC , St. Lawrence Labrador Dist., 20MB	78.99
N.C. Co. , Lower Yukon Sta., 25¢, B-4a	271.66	HBC , St. Lawrence Lab Dist., 20MB (10pcs.)	394.00
Palmer , ARRC, 1¢, B-1a	49.67	HBC , Labrador Dist, set of 4, 1 to 20	OB495.00NB
Palmer , ARRC, 5¢, B-1b	39.00	HBC , (Eastern Arctic), set of 6	OB299.00NB
Palmer , ARRC, 10¢, B-1c	47.97	Tierra del Fuego , SETdF, 20¢ red	60.00OB
Palmer , ARRC, 25¢, B-1d	66.00	FNB Fairbanks , \$5 blue seal	17,401.00
Palmer , ARRC, 50¢, B-1e	113.61		
Palmer , ARRC, \$1, B-1f	158.05		
Palmer , ARRC, \$5, B-1g	102.50		

OB = Opening Bid NB = No Bid RL = relist
RNM = Reserve Not Met R = Reserve
BIN = Buy it now DNS = Did Not Sell

ALASKA CODFISH, CONT.

another station on Moffet Cove, a few miles east of Company Harbor.

"In 1896 the Pacific Marine Supply Co. opened its Kellys Rock station, situated about midway between Unga and Squaw Harbors...In 1904 the name was changed to the Alaska Codfish Co.

"In 1906, The Alaska Codfish Co. bought the Alaska Commercial Co.'s station at the town of Unga, on Unga Island, and began fishing operations in the fall. The next year the Union Fish Co. built a station here, but on the opposite side of the harbor. Fishing is carried on here throughout the year.

"The present Squaw Harbor station of the Alaska Codfish Co. was first established as a salmon saltery by a man named Olsen, who also utilized it at times as a codfish station. In the summer of 1903 the present owners purchased it and have very much improved it since. It is a winter station. Its principal use to the company is as a supply depot for its near-by stations, the harbor being one of the safest in the Shumagins.

"The Dora Harbor, Unimak Island, stations of the Alaska Codfish Co., and the Union Fish Co. were established in 1897 and 1898, respectively. While they were quite productive the first two seasons, they have been steadily diminishing in importance ever since. The Sannak Island station men are transferred to these stations in the spring, after the cod have moved off into deep water



Town of Unga with Alaska Codfish Co. Station in foreground

surrounding Sannak Island, and are brought back again in the fall when the fish have again returned to the shoal waters."

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Editor's Notes: In 1915, Alaska Codfish Company had six shore stations: three on Unga Island at Unga, Squaw Harbor and Kellys Rock; two on Sannak Island at Company Harbor and Moffets Cove; and one at Dora Harbor on Unimak Island (see the map below).

What conclusions can we draw from the preceding information? Firstly, the tokens date from 1904, the date of the name change, or later. As to location, the information provided does not tell us where Winchester Station or Baranof Station was located. We can assume that Unga Station was at Unga. Winchester and Baranof appear to be internal company names for their stations, and never advanced to being geographical names.

Secondly, since Alaska Codfish Co. had five stations in operation in 1915, it is possible that there could be other tokens for these other stations.

Photo and map from "Pacific Cod Fisheries" by Cobb. McCollam Fishing and Trading Co. bill head compliments of Bob Majni.

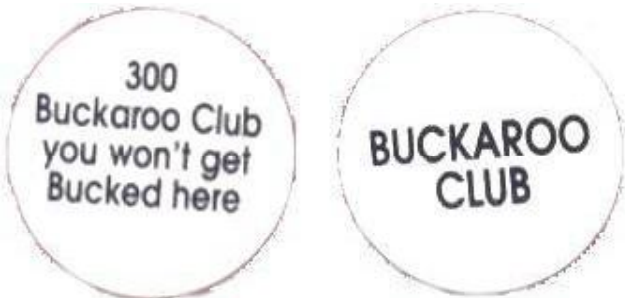
Thanks also to Joe Usibelli for the scans of the Winchester and Baranof Station tokens, and Kaye Dethridge for the Unga Station.



FOR THE RECORD



(ANCHORAGE): Buckaroo Club, Good for One Beer. Black on wood.



(ANCHORAGE): Buckaroo Club, You won't get Bucked here. Black on white plastic, 38mm.



DOUGLAS: Louie's Douglas Inn, One Bottle Beer. Gold on yellow plastic, 40mm (Dethridge).



HAINES: O'Riley's Fogcutter Bar, Rain Check Good for One Drink. Blue on wood.

HAINES: Fogcutter Bar, Good for One Premium Cocktail. Blue and white enamel on brass(?), about 40mm (illustrated in next column).

JUNEAU: Bullwinkle's, 50 Cent off on Food. Gold on yellow plastic, 40mm (Dethridge) (illustrated in next column).



JUNEAU: Moose Lodge 700, Rain check. Two types: gold on blue and gold on green, 40mm (Dethridge).



(KETCHIKAN): Pioneer Bar, Treat Me At Meet Me. Gold on green plastic, 39mm (Dethridge).



McGRATH: McGuire's Tavern, Good for One Drink. Black on wood.

FOR THE RECORD, cont.



PELICAN: Marion's Pelican Bar & Grill. Gold on red plastic, 39mm (Dethridge).



WASILLA: Eskimotel & Kashim Room, Dining and Cocktails. 41 x 36mm.



ALASKA: Alaska Railroad, 8D70MAC. Silver with gold relief, 39mm. Also seen in cupronickel alloy without gold relief.



MILITARY CHALLENGE COINS



ELEMENDORF A.F.B.: Top Cover Senior NCO Association. Bronze.



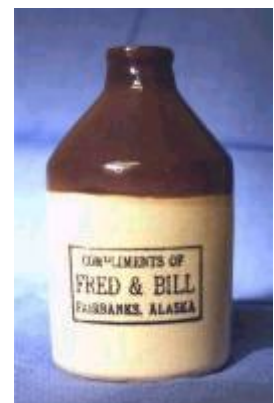
(FORT RICHARDSON?): 207th Regiment, Alaska's Profession Training Institute. Gray and blue enamel on bronze.



FORT WAINWRIGHT: B/4-123 AVN Sugar Bears (aviation batallion). Bronze.

ALASKA: Humble's Maiden Northwest Passage Voyage, S.S. Manhattan 1969. Polished bronze paperweight, 72 x 65mm.

FAIRBANKS: Jug! Compliments of Fred & Bill (of The California). I think we showed one of these before. Size not given in the eBay listing. PR - \$731.00.



FOR THE RECORD - NEW FINDS & PREVIOUSLY NOT ILLUSTRATED



ANCHORAGE: Darathy's Sweet Shop, key ID tag. Not a token but pretty neat! Aluminum, 18 x 42mm. PR \$17.51.



FORT DAVIS: Post Exchange, 25¢ in trade. Octagonal brass, 22mm (?) PR \$2,550.



MINTO: J.H. Campbell, For Amusement Only. Brass, 17mm. First we have seen of this speculative attribution.



KODIAK: S.S. Yale, 25¢ in trade. Aluminum, 23mm. Previously reported in brass. Does anyone know why the S.S. Yale was off Kodiak?



SEWARD: The Seattle, 12½¢, aluminum, 25mm. A new denomination for this business (Dethridge).



SKAGWAY: Compliments of J.F. Anderson. Anderson issued several other tokens in Skagway. I have had this image sitting on my computer for months, but have lost the size and metal data. I think it was 21mm, and cupronickel. A correction would be welcome.



SKAGWAY: P.C. Co., B-19a. A tentative attribution. Have we seen these counterstamped with numbers?



SKAGWAY: N.K. Wilson, 5¢ in trade, aluminum, 21mm. A dug token but still identifiable. The eBay seller states the following: "The 1900 Census for Fifth Avenue in Skagway shows Newell K. Wilson, 34, born Jan 1866, came to Skagway, AK in Jan 1898 from Roslyn, WA with his wife Phoebe J.. He is shown in the census as having been a druggist in Roslyn, WA and a druggist in AK. There is also a baby daughter in the family, Margaret, who was born in Jan 1900 in Alaska." This was withdrawn from sale a day or so after it started.



MAVERICK: A.C. Co., "M", counterstamped "NG," aluminum, 38mm. We had a rubbing of this many years ago. Recently appearing, it brought a whopping \$460! Does someone know something we don't? (Dethridge).



KLONDIKE MAVERICK: Klondike Supply Co., Miller Farm, Good for 1 stick Dynamite, aluminum, 21mm. A neat little token whose price realized blew us away (pun intended) - \$217.51. Guess there is a good market for "exploder" tokens.

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AUCTION: TO BE HELD AT 7:00 P.M., APRIL 8TH IN FAIRBANKS. These are just the Alaskan items. If you want a complete listing, please call or write to the address above. Phone bids may be called in between 10:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday to Saturday (noon on the day of the auction). Bids will also be accepted at the e-mail address above.

ALASKA TOKENS

		ESTIMATE
228	Alaska Token: Anchorage , Collins Cigar Store, 12½¢ in trade, B-13a, EF with light corrosion. A rare token.	300.00
229	Alaska Token: Anchorage , Kustatan Packing Co., 5¢ in trade, B-26a, EF or so.	50.00
230	Alaska Token: Anchorage , Masonic Penny, B-28bI, EF. Masonic Pennies are a specialty unto themselves and Alaska Pennies are among the scarcest.	150.00
231	Alaska Token: Anchorage , Union Club and Pool Hall, 12½¢, B-37a, VF. Another very scarce token.	175.00
232	Alaska Tokens: Chatanika , Dempsey Hotel, N.G. Cox, 25¢ and 50¢, B-3a and b. The 25¢ is quite common and is dug token, lightly cleaned with light corrosion. The 50¢ is a very scarce token rarely offered for sale. It is Fine and cleaned. Don't let the condition hold you back. You are not likely to see another for years! 2 pcs.	350.00
233	Alaska Token: Chitina , Overland Hotel, 6¼¢, B-5a, Fine, a little dirty with very light corrosion. Scarce token from a neat little town.	300.00
234	Alaska Token: Cordova , Chas. M. Rosswog, 6¼¢, B-34b, Fine, dark with some corrosion.	45.00
235	Alaska Token: Cordova , Southern Club, 6¼¢, B-36a, XF with luster, some spotting.	75.00
236	Alaska Token: Dalby , Joe Notti, 25¢, B-1a, XF but it has a few small dents and dings. A very rare token from a one merchant location (Benice states that it was "never officially a village).	300.00
237	Alaska Token: Dillingham , Lowe Trading Co., 5¢, B-4a. Sharp XF but dark. A scarce token.	200.00
238	Alaska Tokens: Fairbanks , Brown Derby set of 4: 5¢, 10¢, 12½¢ and 25¢, B-10, a-d, grading AU/BU, EF, EF+ and AU/BU respectively. While the catalogue shows the 10¢ as the scarcest, we find think the 12½¢ deserves that distinction. A total of 4 pieces.	375.00
239	Alaska Token: Fairbanks , Chisolm & Hall, 12½¢, B-12a, VF. A nice, old scarce token.	125.00
240	Alaska Token: Fairbanks , Fairbanks Cigar Store, 5¢, B-17a, EF-AU with luster.	50.00
241	Alaska Token: Fairbanks , Fairbanks Cigar Store, \$1, B-17b, EF. This is a very rare, bi-metal token with copper center and aluminum ring. Bi-metal tokens are a collecting specialty and Alaska bi-metals are tough!	400.00
242	Alaska Token: Fairbanks , Hall's Bookstore, 12½¢, B-24b, F-VF. Nice old brass token.	125.00
243	Alaska Token: Fairbanks , Horseshoe Saloon, One Drink, B-26a, Fine, but has some surface problems. Really not detracting on this very rare saloon token.	350.00
244	Alaska Token: Fairbanks , Idle Hour Club, 10¢, B-27b, dark XF. If memory serves me, we originally purchased this token from a musician who came through Fairbanks one summer. After playing the clubs at night, he would metal detect during the day. Quite scarce, the only Idle Hour Club tokens we have seen came from him!	250.00
245	Alaska Tokens: Flat , William Kruhm, 50¢ and \$1, B-2 a and b. Both are EF-AU, the 50¢ has some light corrosion. Scarce tokens from a gold mining settlement. Two pieces.	225.00
246	Alaska Token: Indian Mountain , 708 NCO Open Mess set of 3; 5¢, 10¢ and 25¢, B-1aI, bI and cI, all EF or better. Military tokens from the cold war era are not as easy to find as one might expect. Three pieces.	40.00
247	Alaska Tokens: Juneau Milk Tokens . Juneau Douglas Schools ½ Pint, B-34b; Juneau (Schools) ½ Pint, B-40a I and II. B-40aII is missing a bottom edge. The other two pieces are EF. Not easy to find.	25.00
248	Alaska Token: Ketchikan , Arctic Club Rooms, \$1, B-4b, EF.	75.00
249	Alaska Token: Ketchikan , Lucky Spot, 5¢, B-32a, VF but with some bends and scratches.	75.00
250	Alaska Token: Latouche , Board of Trade, 6¼¢, B-1a. A scarce token with a couple of problems: a hole at 5:00 obverse (but neatly done) and solder on the reverse. Otherwise, Fine.	75.00
251	Alaska Tokens: Murphy Dome , group of three tokens: Open Mess 10¢, B-2a; NCO Open Mess 5¢ and 25¢, B-3a and d. All EF or better. Three pieces.	35.00
252	Alaska Token: (Nome) , One Lead Pencil, B-2a, dark EF. I like mystery tokens, but I am not going to tackle this one. It has been around forever, but no one can pin it down.	125.00
253	Alaska Token: Nome , Cavey's Bakery, 1 Loaf of Bread, B-13a, VF but with some small nicks and scratches, fully acceptable on this rare token.	300.00
254	Alaska Token: Nome , N. & A. Co., 5¢, B-34a, Fine, dark and corroded. Scarce, early piece.	125.00
255	Alaska Token: Nome , New Lincoln Bar, 50¢, B-36a, VF, dark, cleaned. Probably a fire salvage piece as are most.	50.00
256	Alaska Tokens: Palmer , Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corporation (ARRC), complete set of eight from 1¢ to \$10, B-1, a-h, all about AU. The Red Book states, "Each token is the size of the corresponding U.S. coin, with the exception of the one-cent piece, which is octagonal." This is incorrect! The \$5 and \$10 are larger than their gold counterparts. A very nice set, very much in demand in today's market.	800.00

ALASKA TOKENS & ALASKANA

ESTIMATE

257	Alaska Token: Skagway , (Horseshoe), 6¼¢, B-13a, EF with some luster.	35.00
258	Alaska Token: Skagway , Shamrock Beer Parlor, O.P. Flynn, 12½¢, AU-BU. Each side has the outline of a shamrock.	45.00
259	Alaska Token: Snug Harbor , \$1.25 Per Box Clams, B-2a, EF. It appears that these tokens were used as tallies for clam diggers on the east side of Alaska peninsula across from Kodiak Island.	75.00
260	Alaska Token: Talkeetna , The Fairview, 12½¢, B-2a, cleaned Fine. The Fairview is still there!	65.00
261	Alaska Tokens: Valdez , The Pinzon, 5¢ and 15¢, B-16aII and bII, dirty and possibly been wet. Two pieces.	30.00
262	Alaska Tokens: Yes Bay , Alaska Pacific Fisheries, 5¢ and 10 ¢, B-3 a and b, both AU. Two pieces.	180.00
263	Alaska Coal Dollar . A 1922 Peace Dollar with the sticker "This is a Coal Dollar." This is one of the nicest we have seen. The sticker is about 99% complete, and scuffing is minimal. The sticker is a bit dirty, but this is to be expected. These were used to pay workers to show the local community the impact that coal mining has on the economy. We have heard the military would do the same thing by using \$2 bills.	30.00+
264	Fairbanks Trade Dollar , 1959. In 1959, Trade Dollars were issued by the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce. Their use was quite widespread. Offered here is a silver restrike, minted in 1964, and edge numbered 64-243.	50.00+
265	Sitka Trade Dollar , 1963. "Alaska's Historical Capital" with portraits of Seward, Baranof and Katlean. Struck in Sterling Silver and cupronickel. The Sterling Silver version is quite scarce. Two pieces.	40.00+
266	Alaska Medals: Fairbanks Coin Club , First Annual State Coin Convention, 1965. Matched set of silver and bronze number 109. We believe only 225 sets were minted. Has a nice map of the north polar regions.	75.00
267	Two Oil Related Items . The first is a paperweight - "Humble's Maiden Northwest Passage Voyage, S.S. Manhattan 1969." This is polished bronze and 72 x 65mm, oval with 16 "sides". It shows the route from New York through the Northwest Passage to Alaska. I believe this is the first that we have owned and is quite scarce. The second item is a 1974 Trans-Alaska Pipeline medal in bronze. It is in a bezel to be worn as a pendant. Two pieces.	50.00
268	Alaskan Express Bronze Medal . This massive 3½ inch diameter medal was minted from an old die circa 1910 discovered at the old jewelry supply company of Meyer Brothers in Seattle. Our own Dick Hanscom got his hands on several fascinating dies and had Medallion Art Co. strike them. This is number 18 of 100 struck. It is uniface with a nicely detailed dog team in motion. Also included is a one ounce silver commemorative medal struck for the 1985 Purchase of the Alaska Railroad from the Feds with one of the old diesel engines on the obverse, #203. Two pieces.	75.00
269	Iditarod Belt Buckle , 1980. These impressive buckles were first issued in 1978 and were limited to 1,049 (the race mileage). Jon Van Zyle designed the buckle using a depiction of "Scotty," Seppala's lead dog, as the theme in very high relief. This pewter buckle measures roughly 3¼ by 2½ inches. A rather scarce item today. The last price we found was \$130 in 1994. Consequently, we estimate...	150.00
270	State of Alaska Medal Set , 1989. A complete set of the silver P/L medals including the 1/10, ¼, ½ and 1 ounce. This is the first year for the program and the fractionals are hard to find. 4 pieces.	90.00
271	State of Alaska Medal Set , 1990. This was only the second year for the state medal series with a stylized walrus design selected. This lot consists of the ¼, ½ and 1 oz. proof-like. Three medals.	55.00
272	Error State of Alaska Medal , 1990. A single one ounce proof-like silver medal, but this one is struck off-center (about 5%) and was not seated in the collar properly so that the reeding on the edge is mostly absent. A rather bizarre.	30.00+
273	State of Alaska Medal , 1993 one oz. silver Proof-like. This is one of the most popular designs because of the Wolf obverse and the continuing saga of wolf control. We could not remember selling one to our good friend Priscilla Fernald.	30.00
274	Error State of Alaska Medal , 1994 Bear. Some time ago, we discovered that the Alaska Mint used the wrong die on a few of the ¼ oz. silver medals. The correct die stated ".999 Fine," but on a few medals the die used was for ½ oz. gold medals stating "One Half Troy Oz. .999+ Fine Gold"! This lot consists of one correct medal and one error piece. How many were minted incorrectly is a mystery, but only 1,550 total were minted. 2 pieces.	50.00+
275	State of Alaska Medals , 1996 Caribou. When the Alaska Mint took over this program in 1992, there was little visual difference between the Proof and Proof-like medals. One had to look at the edge to make sure (the Proofs were numbered with a plain edge, the P/L had a reeded edge). In 1996, the Mint clashed the Proof-like dies. To remove the clashing, the dies were sand-blasted. They then continued using the sand-blasted dies for the remainder of the year. Because the labor required was less, and the medals were easier to make, they continue to make these "matte" finish medals, still calling them Proof-like. This lot has one of each the 1 ounce medals: Proof-like and Matte. Two pieces.	60.00
276	Iron Dog Commemorative Silver Medal , 1999. This was the first and only year commemoratives were struck for this long distance snow machine race. Also included is a 2001 State of Alaska 1 oz. matte finish medal with a mountain goat. Both are in their original packaging. Two pieces.	60.00
277	Alaska Token Book . <i>Rubles to Statehood</i> , by Kay Fernald and Kay McDowell, 1965. This book is rather scarce and a must for a complete Alaska numismatic library. This copy is unbound, with its wrap-around cover showing some wear. These were usually bound by stapling, or punching three holes and binding with screw posts. The copy we offer here is signed by Kay McDowell. I paid \$100 for my copy over 30 years ago.	100.00+
278	Congressional Report: The Disastrous Fairbanks, Alaska Flood of August 1967 . This is a 72 page, paper-bound report by Senator Ernest Gruening on a special on-site investigation. It includes three maps and there are many photos of the flood and damage. Great for someone who did not have to experience the flood.	25.00+